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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PERU OF INTER-AGENCY COUNTER-TERRORISM TEAM: AUGUST 4-7

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: AUGUST 4-7 VISIT BY THE INTERAGENCY COUNTERTERRORIST (CT) TEAM WAS USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE. WE BELIEVE WE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD FORMULATING A CT PLAN FOR PERU AND A STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT IT. MEETINGS WE HELD WITH PERUVIANS STIMULATED INTEREST AND SUCCEEDED IN CONVEYING DEPTH OF OUR CONCERN AND WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL. THEY ELICITED INFORMATION ABOUT PERUVIAN PLANS AND LEFT US IN A GOOD POSITION TO MOVE AHEAD FOLLOWING INTRA-USG CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. ONE CONCRETE RESULT IS THAT PERUVIANS CONFIRMED INTENTION TO ATTEND ATA PHASE I COURSE AUGUST 25 WITH SIZEABLE, HIGH-LEVEL GROUP. END SUMMARY.

3. FOLLOWING IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS AUGUST 5-6, ON AUGUST 7 EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND TEAM MET SEPARATELY WITH MILITARY AND POLICE/INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS. MILITARY MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE COMBINED COMMAND AND INCLUDED OFFICIALS WITH INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES FROM EACH OF THE THREE SERVICES. CIVILIAN/POLICE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY BROTHER AND ADVISOR TO VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR MANTILLA. IT INCLUDED CHIEFS AND AIDES OF THREE POLICE FORCES, HEAD OF IMMIGRATION, INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS, AND FORMER OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LIAISON WITH POLICE AND MILITARY.

4. U.S. SIDE IN EACH MEETING COVERED THE FOLLOWING GROUND:

- A) WE BEGAN BY ASKING PERUVIANS TO IDENTIFY THE DECISION MAKERS INVOLVED AND THE PERUVIAN FORCE OR UNIT THAT WOULD BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST TAKEOVER OF AN EMBASSY;
- B) WE DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF DESIGNATING/CREATING A SINGLE UNIT AND DESCRIBED COLOMBIAN NRTF AS A POSSIBLE ROLE MODEL;
- C) WE EXPRESSED USG INTEREST IN PURSUING POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING AND EQUIPPING AN APPROPRIATE PERUVIAN

G) WE DISCUSSED CONCRETE ASSISTANCE TO POLICE AND MILITARY. ON CIVILIAN/POLICE SIDE, THIS INCLUDES ATA PHASE I VISIT AUGUST 25; PROVISION OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTING DOGS AND RELATED ASSISTANCE UNDER ATA, PLUS ONE OR TWO OTHER ATA PROGRAMS. ON THE MILITARY SIDE, IT INCLUDES BOMB DISPOSAL COORDINATION VISIT FROM SOUTHCOM BASED TEAM, POSSIBILITY OF ON-SITE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND COMBINED EXERCISES WITH SOUTHCOM) WITH PERUVIAN NAVY SEALS IN LATE 1986

5. REACTION FROM BOTH CIVILIANS/POLICE AND MILITARY WAS POSITIVE. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN BOTH MEETINGS. AS ANTICIPATED, NEITHER POLICE NOR MILITARY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE CLEAR, DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO OUR FIRST QUESTION, ALTHOUGH BOTH POLICE AND MILITARY SAID RESPONSE IN A HOSTAGE SITUATION WOULD NORMALLY FALL TO POLICE. MILITARY ENDED BY ASKING THAT WE PUT OUR THOUGHTS ON PAPER, WHICH LEAVES US WITH FLEXIBILITY TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER IN MANNER AND TIMING OF OUR OWN CHOOSING.

6. INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND POLICE CONFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO SEND OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE MEETING TO PHASE I ATA PROGRAM BEGINNING AUGUST 25. THEY ALSO REVEALED THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A PLAN TO CREATE 250-MAN "SPECIAL RAPID INTERVENTION FORCE" COMPRISING AT LEAST FOUR SUBUNITS. FORCE WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE THREE POLICE SERVICES. IT WOULD NOT CONTAIN MILITARY ELEMENTS. DRAWING-BOARD PLANS WOULD INCLUDE AIR CAPABILITY TO PERMIT ACTION ANYWHERE IN PERU AND SOME UNITS WOULD BE BASED IN THE SIERRA AND ON EAST OF THE ANDES. (COMMENT: IDEA THAT POLICE COULD ACQUIRE AIRLIFT FOR 250-MAN FORCE INDEPENDENT OF THE MILITARY STRIKES US AS UNREALISTIC. END COMMENT). AT PRESENT TIME PLAN IS BEFORE THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR (I.E. HAS NOT YET GOTTEN HIS APPROVAL, MUCH LESS PRESIDENT GARCIA'S). POLICE NOTED THAT THEY HAD CONSULTED BOTH WITH WEST GERMAN POLICE AND WITH COLOMBIANS IN DESIGNING FORCE. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING INTEREST IN DISCUSSING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO A PERUVIAN UNIT AFTER PERUVIANS ATTEND ATA COURSE AND MAKE SOME INTERNAL DECISIONS ON ORGANIZATION.

8. IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE PERUVIANS TO SORT OUT WHO WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND CONTROL OVER A SPECIAL REACTION FORCE. THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPLICATING VARIABLES. ONE, BY LAW, CIVILIANS/POLICE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOSTAGE RESCUE IN NORMAL SITUATIONS. MILITARY HAS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA. TWO, EXISTING CAPABILITIES ARE FRAGMENTED. EACH OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICES AND EACH OF THE THREE CIVILIAN POLICE FORCES HAS AN ELITE UNIT WITH SOME OF THE SKILLS AND RESOURCES AN NRTF WOULD REQUIRE. THE MILITARY HAS THE PREPONDERANCE OF BOTH. NAVY SEALS ARE PROBABLY THE SINGLE BEST TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FORCE. THREE, AS INDICATED BY PLANS TO MOVE AHEAD ON A COMBINED POLICE FORCE, CIVILIANS ARE CLEARLY INTENT ON ESTABLISHING RAPID INTERVENTION FORCE AS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND TO HAVE A JUST EXCEPTED OF MILITARY RESOURCES. BUT THEIR PLANS STRIKE US ON FIRST HEARING AS OVERLY AMBITIOUS AND UNREALISTIC, PARTICULARLY AS TO SIZE AND THE ASPIRATION TO HAVE AN AIRLIFT CAPABILITY. FACT THAT THINGS ARE FURTHER ALONG THEN WE HAD SUPPOSED, HOWEVER, IS INTERESTING AND ENCOURAGING. FOUR, WE ARE NOT SURE

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HE HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH ISSUE WHO HAS THOUGHT IT ALL
THROUGH. HE COULD BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE THE MILITARY
ESTABLISH SUCH A FORCE OR TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED.

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9. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD ON BOTH CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY FRONTS AT THE SAME TIME AND THAT BEST
STRATEGY IS TO AVOID ATTEMPTING TO FORCE A PERUVIAN
DECISION ON SUCH A FORCE BEFORE WE HAVE DEVELOPED
A CONSTITUENCY FOR THEIR COMING TO US FOR HELP.
ENGAGEMENT THROUGH ATA, SOUTHCOM WILL KEEP PERUVIANS FOCUSED ON NEED TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE
UNIT WITH WHICH WE COULD WORK. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE A
MILITARY UNIT WOULD -- POLITICS ASIDE -- BE THE MORE
CAPABLE, WE WILL HAVE TO PROCEED WITH REGARD FOR
MILITARY/POLICE RIVALRIES AND CONCERN THAT CIVILIANS
MAY HAVE FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH MILITARY UNIT OF
THIS KIND.

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10. FOR BOGOTA: ATA TEAM AND EMBASSY DISCUSSED
POSSIBILITY OF 2-3 MEMBERS OF EMBASSY CI TEAM
VISITING BOGOTA DURING OCTOBER PLANNING MEETING FOR
FUNDAMENTAL LIGHTENING. OBJECTIVES WOULD BE EDUCATIONAL
AND TO ELICIT INVITATION FROM COLOMBIANS FOR PERUVIANS
TO OBSERVE FUNDAMENTAL LIGHTENING. PLEASE ADVISE IF
CONVENIENT.

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